

*Endorsements for The Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act include:*

**Pretrial Justice Institute, CEO Cherise Fanno Burdeen:**

“With the introduction of the Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act, Senators Harris and Paul are leading the way on addressing an urgent problem facing communities across the country: our broken pretrial justice system. As a result of practices like money bail, our country’s criminal justice system has become a maze with too many entrances and too few exits. This important legislation will help make our justice system safer, fairer, and more effective by creating incentives for states to move away from money bail, funding states’ efforts to develop pretrial improvements that work best for their unique justice systems, and collecting data to ensure these programs are working.”

**Center for American Progress, Executive Vice President Carmel Martin:**

“The bipartisan bill introduced today by Senators Harris and Paul represents a big step toward reforming an unjust and ineffective part of the criminal justice system. The legislation provides significant resources to states to move their pretrial systems away from requiring a person to post bail in order to secure their release. It promotes evidenced-based practices such as using validated assessments that measure a person’s risk factors to determine their supervision conditions and the appointment of counsel to represent the person through impactful points in the criminal justice process. Senators Harris and Paul should be commended for keeping alive the momentum to reform the criminal justice system toward a smarter and fairer approach and reverse policies that perpetuate mass incarceration.”

**The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, President and CEO Vanita Gupta:**

“We applaud Senators Harris and Paul for introducing the Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act of 2017, a bill to incentivize states to end the practice of money bail. Money bail systems are ineffective, expensive, and are unfair to defendants, the general public, and people of color. They turn the age-old principle of ‘innocent until proven guilty’ on its head. It’s a sad fact that if you’re an African-American or Latino person charged with a crime, you are not only more likely to be detained pre-trial because you are unable to afford bail; you’re also more likely to be charged a higher bail amount. Our justice system should be fair to everyone and this bill is a good first step toward ensuring more effective, efficient, and just pre-trial systems. We hope Congress will act and encourage states to end money bail.”

**NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Policy Director Todd A. Cox**

“Our nation simply cannot afford the moral and financial cost of money bail. For years, it has been disproportionately imposed along racial and economic lines, creating a devastating cycle of poverty that furthers systemic inequality and wreaks havoc on individuals and their families. The Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act provides incentives to states to abandon this ineffective, counterproductive, and inordinately expensive system. We’re grateful to Senators Harris and Paul for their leadership in seeking to bring a long overdue end to this unjust practice. Justice should never be determined by the color of one’s skin or the size of one’s wallet, and we strongly

encourage Congress to enact this legislation, which would be a significant step in realizing our nation's promise of liberty and justice for all.”

*The following organizations are supportive of The Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act:*

- Pretrial Justice Institute (PJI)
- Center for American Progress (CAP)
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR)
- NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)
- NAACP
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA)
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)
- Justice Action Network
- The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- Ronald L. Davis, Former Director of the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office; Executive Director of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing; Retired Police Chief
- Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC)
- Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
- Black and Pink
- Brennan Center for Justice
- Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ)
- Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Color of Change
- Drug Policy Alliance
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Equal Justice Under Law
- Essie Justice Group
- FWD.us
- Justice Policy Institute (JPI)
- Lambda Legal
- National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA)
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)
- National Center for Transgender Equality
- National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN)
- National Urban League
- PFLAG National (formerly known as Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
- Positive Women’s Network – USA
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- School Social Work Association of America

- Southern Center for Human Rights
- Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)
- Southerners On New Ground (SONG)
- W. Haywood Burns Institute
- Witness to Mass Incarceration
- YWCA USA